

Presbyteries

MISSOURI

Met September 25th with the Old Auxvasse congregation, with eight ministers and eight elders in attendance.

Elder J. F. Ball was elected moderator and Dr. Elwang acted as temporary clerk.

Rev. R. F. Matthews, Presbytery of Kirksville, U. S. A., and Rev. T. A. M. Thomas, Synodical evangelist, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The opening sermon was preached by Dr. E. F. Abbott. Dr. Elwang preached Tuesday morning, and Rev. L. B. Tate, from Korea, preached that night.

The commission on the Centralia church reported the church dissolved and the property sold.

Mr. Thomas addressed Presbytery on Synodical College, reporting gratifying subscriptions and a high percentage of collections. A renewal of all appropriations for our Home Mission fields for the ensuing year was requested of Synod.

The overture from the Assembly was answered in the affirmative. The campaign for the further endowment of Westminster College was heartily endorsed.

A communication from Potosi Presbytery was laid on the table for various reasons, but perhaps chiefly because the matter was not considered to be within the range of Presbytery's business.

Auxvasse City was selected as the place, and the second Tuesday in April as the time for the next meeting.

After a cordial vote of thanks, adjournment was had to meet at Synod at the call of the moderator.

ST. LOUIS.

The Presbytery of St. Louis met at Crocker, Mo., September 18th at 8 P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the retiring moderator, Rev. J. W. Rowe, from Ezek. 6:7.

Officers: Moderator, Elder R. P. Williams, of Westminster church; temporary clerk, Elder A. N. Beck, of Boeuff.

Overtures: An overture from Potosi Presbytery asking the Synod of Missouri to assume the ownership of the Farmington Presbyterian Home was read for information.

An overture from Potosi Presbytery to the Synod, protesting against the anti-Christian teachings of the universities and the normal schools was received and read.

The overture sent down by the Assembly proposing an amendment to chapter 12, paragraph 235, Book of Church Order, was not consented to.

Rev. J. W. Rowe was elected chairman of the Systematic Benevolence Committee.

The Foreign Mission Committee urged that collections be taken for Foreign Missions in both churches and Sunday-schools during October.

The Home Mission Committee reported that all the churches were supplied, with one exception, and that the prospect was that it would soon be supplied.

The Systematic Benevolence Committee recommended the Every Member Canvass, and urged that pastors preach on scriptural and systematic giving to all the benevolent causes of the Church.

The Committee of Schools and Colleges reported greater prosperity in our institutions than for a long time.

The Presbyterial sermon was preached by Rev. S. M. Watson from 2 Th. 2:13, 14 and John 6:45.

Rev. C. R. Garrison was dismissed to the Presbytery of Potosi.

Clayton was selected as the place of the next meeting.

Walter M. Langtry, S. C.

Marriages

Douglass-Strother: On Wednesday, November 14th, at the manse of the Central Presbyterian church, Washington, D. C., by Rev. James H. Taylor, D. D., Mr. John M. Douglass, of Aldie, Va., and Miss Martha M. Strother, of Markham, Va.

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THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Garrett-West: At the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. E. P. Davis, November 10, 1917, Mr. Joseph Anderson Garrett and Miss Carrie Geneva West, all of Greenville, S. C.

Sawyers-Slaughter: At the manse of the Second Presbyterian church, Greenville, S. C., by Rev. E. P. Davis, November 11, 1917, Mr. William Sawyers, a soldier at Camp Sevier, and Miss Vergil Slaughter, both of Bristol, Tenn.

McDougal-Black: At 9 P. M. Wednesday, November 14, 1917, in the Presbyterian church, Holly Grove, Arkansas, Rev. J. H. Morrison, D. D., the pastor, married Mr. James Othello McDougal to Miss Mayola Black, her father, Mr. John S. Black, giving the bride away. Their home will be in Forrest City, Arkansas.

Deaths

Harvie: On October 31, 1917, Mr. James Seddon Harvie, of Amelia County, Va., departed this life, being seventy-one years and twenty-seven days old. He leaves two brothers and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. We commend all to the grace of God.

Thomas Moore Clarke born September 20, 1828, at Augusta, Ga., entered into rest October 27, 1917, at his residence, 625 Peachtree, Atlanta, Ga., in his ninetyeth year.

Mr. W. P. Watson died of blood-poisoning September 15, 1917, in the fifty-fourth year of his life. Born in Georgia and married there to Miss Virginia Buice, he came to Texas nearly twenty-five years ago, settling first in Ellis County and later in Hill. He was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Hillsboro. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Pastor.

C. M. McELWEE.

At a meeting of the session of the Clifton Forge Presbyterian church, the following resolutions were adopted in memory of the late C. E. McElwee:

"Resolutions."

Whereas, it has pleased God, in His wise providence, to call to his eternal reward Mr. C. M. McElwee, the senior elder of this church, therefore, the session desires to place on record:

(1) The high esteem in which he was held among us, and the deep gratitude we feel to God for sparing his useful life so long to his church, his family and to the community in which he lived.

(2) That we commend his Christian character and work to others as worthy of their emulation in his child-like faith, his faithfulness to every principle and duty, and his devotion to all the public and private means of grace.

(3) And that a copy of this action be spread upon the minutes of this

session, sent to the Presbyterian of the South and Christian Observer for publication, and also to the members of his family, to whom this session wishes to extend its deepest sympathies in this great loss to them and the church.

E. B. Hawkins,
Clerk of Session.

MR. JOHN P. HAMRICK.

God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst a beloved husband and father—John Peyton Hamrick, a resident of Moscow, Augusta County, Va. Mr. Hamrick was born in Rockingham County, Va., August 2, 1848, and departed this life October 8, 1917, as a result of heart failure. He was a son of Thomas J. Hamrick and Sarah Yancy Hamrick, and is survived by two brothers, Menefee and Lauck Hamrick, and three sisters, Misses Julia and Lizzie Hamrick and Mrs. Eliza Stover, by his wife and daughter.

Mr. Hamrick was a consistent member of Mossy Creek Presbyterian church for about twenty years, and his remains were consigned to their last resting place in that cemetery.

Father, thou hast left us lonely,

And thy loss is hard to bear,

But again we hope to meet thee,

And thy glorious pleasures share.

Meet beyond death's darksome river,

Mid the realms of endless day,

Where the weary rest forever,

And all tears are wiped away.